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PASS EXIM FOR CASEY

NEA/AFN PASS AMBASSADOR NEUMANN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP BTIO MO

SUBJECT; EXIM FINANCE FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY

1. ON SEPT 12 MINISTER OF COOPERATION BENHIMA CALLED TO SAY GOM LOOKING FOR FINANCE FOR \$3 MILLION STUDY OF IRRIGATION DAM ON OUED GUERRBA IN GHARB VALLEY. DAM WOULD HAVE 2 MILLION CUBIC METER CAPACITY AND IRRIGATE 100,000 HECTARES. MINISTER SAID 9 FIRMS HAVE INDICATED INTEREST, INCLUDING AMERICAN FIRM TAMS.

2. BENHIMA SAID GOM PREFERRED TAMS AND INQUIRED WHETHER USAID COULD PROVIDE GRANT TO COVER COSTS OF STUDY. USAID DIRECTOR EXPLAINED DIFFICULTIES, ADDING THAT CONSIDERABLE TIME WOULD IN ANY EVENT BE NEEDED TO REACH DECISION. SUGGESTED POSSIBILITIES OF EXIM FINANCING UNDER STUDY/LOAN PROGRAM.

3. MINISTER REPLIED THAT FRANCE PREPARED TO PROVIDE FUNDS IF FRENCH FIRM SELECTED.

4. BELIEVE EXIM SHOULD, AFTER CONTACTING TAMS, SEND EARLY  
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MESSAGE DIRECT TO BENHIMA AS INDICATION US INTEREST, FOLLOWING

UP RECENT VISIT BY CHAIRMAN CASEY. MESSAGE MIGHT UNDERLINE  
POSSIBILITY FOLDING STUDY COSTS INTO LATER EQUIPMENT  
LOAN, ALSO STRESSING COST/QUALITY ASPECTS US EQUIPMENT  
WHICH COULD RESULT IN STUDY PORTION OF LOAN BEING, IN  
EFFECT, NON-COST ONCE OVERALL COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF  
COMPLETED PROJECT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

5. FYI: BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, WE ARE CONFIDENT FRENCH  
MAKING NO GIFTS. IF GRANT GIVEN FOR PRELIMINARY STUDY, IT  
WILL BE RECOVERED IN FINAL COSTS. BENHIMA MUST BE FULLY  
AWARE OF THIS AND PROBABLY MAKING A PITCH. BELIEVE GOOD EXIM  
FINANCING OFFER IN COOPERATION WITH TAMS COULD WIN BUSINESS.  
END FYI.  
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